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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

1. I should like to make several observations on Mr. [redacted]'s paper on Film Presentations, which must be prefaced with the statement that I am not familiar with the instructions which produced it.

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2. Paragraph 2(b) speaks of the cost of operation for Fiscal Year 1952. I believe these figures are probably in error since they are quoted in the attachment for Fiscal Year 1951, and Dr. [redacted] observed in that attachment that the staff was being increased. I would assume that with the increase in staff there might very well be an increase in the collection and indexing of films; therefore, the cost might be considerably higher in total. correct.

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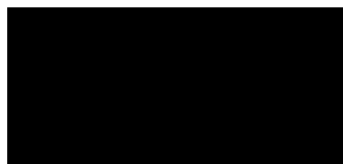
3. Paragraph 3 says that films are shown in response either to specific requests or standing requirements. If we are going to study the problem at all, we should ask how often the standing requirements are reviewed and, in the matter of request for screenings, what control is there on the level of the determination to make a request. It should be noted that there are numerous low-grade, i.e., GS-5s, GS-7s, and GS-9s, personnel who attend these screenings. This may be perfectly proper in that they may save the time of a chief if they are competent to evaluate the film shown; this I doubt.

4. This paper draws the conclusion that although a study might be made to determine the actual worth of the films the time and effort should not be spent now. On the contrary, this is the very crux of the matter and is the only way to answer the question on continuance of the screenings. Under the Bureau of the Budget's letter, this certainly is a program which might be cut.

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5. I must say, however, that other than the general responsibility for noting any Agency program wherever it may exist, I believe this whole exercise is outside of the province of the Deputy Director (Administration).

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